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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Typing on touchscreens is improved by dynamically and
automatically positioning the desired home-row keys of an
onscreen keyboard below the user's fingers while their
fingers are hovering above the surface, thus reducing the
need for the user to look at the onscreen keyboard while
typing. The location of each of the user's fingers while
hovering and/or resting is monitored. Correlation between
the hover sensor data and touch sensor data increases the
confidence level by which the system can determine which
of the user's fingers were used to select a key. By deter-
mining which finger was used to make the selection, the
system accurately disambiguates which letter the user
intended to type.

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